वाणिज्य मंत्री (श्री प्रणब मुखर्जी) : (क) और (ख) पिछले 5 वर्षों के दौरान जारी आयात और निर्यात लाइसेंसों की कुल संख्या निम्नलिखित है :—

वर्ष	आयात	निर्यात
1987–88	96047	7528
1988–89	100667	1445
1989–90	116094	941
1990–91	114553	901
1991–92	97250	उप० नं०

(2) निम्नलिखित वर्षों के दौरान रद्द गए लाइसेंसों की संख्या निम्नलिखित है :—

वर्ष	रद्द किए गए लाइसेंसों की संख्या
1988–89	245
1989–90	284
1990–91	286

जो आंकड़े एकत्र किए और रखे जाते हैं वे जारी या रद्द किए गए लाइसेंसों की संख्या के अनुसार होते हैं । यह न तो निर्यातकों/आयातकों के नामों के अनुसार होते हैं और न ही उन वस्तुओं के अनुसार होते हैं, जिनके लिए लाइसेंस जारी किए गए थे । यह महसूस किया गया है कि इस प्रकार की जानकारी एकत्र करने में किए गए प्रयास और लगा समय हो सकता है कि इनसे अंततः अभीष्ट परिणाम के अनुपात में न हो । तथापि, जिन शर्तों के अधीन पिछले 5 वर्षों में विभिन्न श्रेणियों के लाइसेंस जारी किए गए वे आयात-निर्यात नीति, 1988–91 और 1990–93 में दी गई हैं । इस नीति की प्रतियां संसद के पुस्तकालय में उपलब्ध हैं ।

(ग) और (घ) लाइसेंस संबंधी आंकड़े आयातकों और निर्यातकों को सामाजिक श्रेणी के अनुसार नहीं रखे जाते हैं और निर्यात आयात लाइसेंस को मंजूर करने के मामले में उनको इस आधार पर कोई प्राथमिकता नहीं दी जाती है ।

Removal of Wool from OGL Category of Imports

3864. SHRI SUNDER SINGH BHANDARI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to remove wool measuring 36 micron and above from O.G.L. category of imports;

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps have been taken to discourage the import of wool by the Carpet and Khadi Industries ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) to (c) Keeping in view the requirements of the Khadi and Handloom Industries, there is no proposal at present to put any restriction on free import of wool measuring 36 micron and above.

Improvement in Terms of Trade

3865. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) what are the details of steps taken by Government to improve the terms of trade for the farm sector;

(b) what was the amount of sugar exported during 1991-92 and what quantity has been allowed to be exported during 1992-93 and to which countries;

(c) whether Government are considering to decontrol the movement of molasses;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) what is the target of exports for agricultural products for the year 1992-93, and what is the direction of trade; and

(f) what is the special strategy that is being adopted to achieve those targets ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHRGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) to (f) Agricultural exports offer an expanded market to the farmer and therefore a higher price realisation. Government has taken various steps to create an environment which is favourable to exports, including export of agricultural products and processed foods from the country. Such measures include the exchange rate adjustments, the introduction of a unified exchange rate, the expansion of the definition of 'manufacture' in the EXIM Policy, to include agricultural and allied activities, simplification in compulsory pre-shipment inspection procedures, lowering custom duties on capital goods and inputs, and the assured avaialbility of export credit on softer terms.

The targets for exports of agricultural items during 1992-93 is US $ 2000 million. Europe, USA and West Asia are the major markets for India's agricultural commodities.

The quantities of sugar exported during 1991-92 and 1992-93 (1-4-1992 to 22-3-1993) are given below :—

1991-92	5.07 lakh MT
1992-93	3.54 lakh MT

(1-4-92 to 22-3-93)

Sri Lanka, CIS, Kenya, Bulgaria, Rumania, Yeman, Greece, France, USA Tanzania, Djibouti, Bangladesh and Nepal are the countries to which Indian sugar was exported during 1992-93.

The question of decontrol of the movement of molasses is under consideration of the Government (Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilisers).

Review of Drug Value Addition Norms

3866. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE :

SHRI RAMENDRA KUMAR YADAV 'RAVI' :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news appearnig in Business Standard dated the 7th February, 1993 under the caption "Drug Value-addition level to be reviewed";

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government to the observations made therein and facts of the matter;

(c) the details of representation received by Government from Indian Drug Manufacturing Association; and

(d) details of action taken by Government thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) to (d) Information is being collected and shall be laid on the Table of the House.

European Community Plan for Upgrading Quality of Indian Products

3867. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a whether it is a fact that European Community is formulating a plan in consultation with Government of India for upgrading quality of Indian products;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether the European Community (EC) has also pledged to help India in implemenattion of the plan with key inputs from Europe;